



July 23, 2025

Hon. Susan Holt, Premier of New Brunswick
Hon. Gilles LePage, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Hon. John Herron, Minister of Natural Resources

Re: 2021 Select Committee recommendations on pesticide and herbicide use, including glyphosate, in New Brunswick

I would like to begin by thanking Ministers LePage and Herron for meeting with us earlier this year to review some of our briefing notes for the government. I am taking the opportunity to attach our “Current Impacts of Glyphosate Use in New Brunswick” briefing document to this email.

I am reaching out today regarding the 2021 Select Committee report on the use of pesticides and herbicides, including glyphosate.

I understand that the government is tasked with implementing all twenty recommendations outlined in the committee’s report. As outlined in their mandate letters from Premier Holt, Ministers LePage and Heron were specifically tasked with advancing this work. In particular, Minister LePage was directed to investigate alternatives to pesticide and herbicide use and to re-evaluate the safety of glyphosate using new and comprehensive data specific to New Brunswick.

Could you please provide me with an update on this work at your earliest convenience?

I am interested in learning about the recommendations that have been implemented and the specifics of their implementation. Any details would be helpful, including timelines for implementing pending recommendations. I would also appreciate regular updates via email on the progress made by both government departments. For example, I am interested in recommendation #8: “That remaining old hardwood, mixedwood, and softwood forest be maintained (not converted). This would require (1) ecologically based forestry, and (2) additional protected natural areas (reserves).”

There is widespread opposition to glyphosate use, and this concern is not going away. In 2016, thousands of people signed a petition to stop glyphosate spraying and presented this to the Legislative Assembly. The use of this herbicide continues despite mounting opposition from the majority of New Brunswickers, with various [petitions](#) calling for a ban on its use.

We urge your government to take decisive action by phasing out glyphosate spraying and the use of other harmful herbicides in our forests across New Brunswick. Every year, forest management companies in New Brunswick spray glyphosate-based products over thousands of kilometres of forest.

Contrary to industry claims, glyphosate alternatives are available and have been successfully implemented elsewhere. Quebec stopped using herbicides in forestry over 20 years ago. West Fraser, one of Canada's largest forestry companies, recently announced that it will no longer apply herbicides as part of its silviculture practices in British Columbia and is working to find alternatives to herbicide use in other areas where it operates. Forest management can be economical without relying on herbicide use.

There are alternative options for forest management, and we can seek guidance from other provinces. We would like to offer our help and support in gaining information from governmental staff and politicians in Quebec who were able to implement these changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Beverly Gingras". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Beverly" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Gingras".

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CC: Glen Savoie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, David Coon, Leader of the Green Party, Alex White, Leader of the NB New Democratic Party, Mr Kris Austin, Critic for Natural Resources, Ms. Sherry Wilson, Critic for Environment and Climate Change, Dr. Caroline Lubbe-D'Arcy, Stop Spraying New Brunswick